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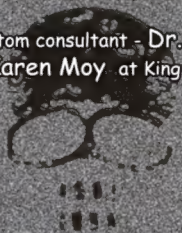

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NEW YORK.
SSMAKK!
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PLEASE... NO MORE...
YOU WERE PAID A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE LOCATION OF THE AHEEDAH, MR. OKEMBE.
AND WHEN MR. LOCKE PAYS GOOD MONEY -
-HE EXPECTS RESULTS.
B-BUT I AM TELLING YOU -- ONLY THE ELDERS OF MY TRIBE KNOW WHERE TO PICK THE AHEEDAH, AND THEY WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO BRING IN OUTSIDERS.
IS THAT RIGHT?
SEE..
USUALLY, I'M A BIT MORE "IN YOUR FACE". SOMEBODY DOESN'T COOPERATE.. WE *TALK* ABOUT IT. AND I CAN BE *QUITE* CONVINCING.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BOYS?

SURE, BOSS.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.
I LIKE YOU, DAJAN. I REALLY DO.
BUT, IF YOU'RE LYING TO ME...
WE'LL... LET'S JUST SAY I MIGHT BE FORCED TO TAKE IT PERSONALLY.
AND BELIEVE ME... YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET PERSONAL.
BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING MORE! YOU JUST HAVE TO BE PATIENT UNTIL I CAN WORK THINGS OUT WITH MY PEOPLE!
YOU KNOW WHAT, DAJAN?
AS STRANGE AS THIS SOUNDS...
I BELIEVE YOU.

KERRRASH

HOURS LATER.
POLICE
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
WHAT ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME? I GOT A WIFE WHO NEEDS THE GARBAGE OUT BEFORE EIGHT. FOUR KIDS IN SCHOOL AND A DOG TO WALK. ALL THAT DONE BETWEEN THE TIME IT TAKES ME TO BRUSH AND SPIT.
NOW YOU SEE WHY I STAY SINGLE.
HEY, DIFFERENT STROKES, RIGHT?
SO WHAT'VE WE GOT?
ONE BLACK MALE, FLAT AS A PANCAKE. DID A PETER PAN OFF THE TENTH FLOOR ONTO A HACK.
TALK ABOUT PENNIES FROM HEAVEN...
WE GOT A NAME?
DAJAN OKEMBE — OKOMBA — SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
"OKEMBE"? WHAT IS HE? AFRICAN?
NO, HE'S SCANDINAVIAN. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
UPSTAIRS WE SAW SPECKS OF BLOOD IN A TWENTY-FOOT RADIUS AROUND A CHAIR.

SOMEBODY BEAT 'IM.
LIKE THEY WAS PLAYIN' THE DRUMS.
AND I TAKE IT THE ROOM WAS RENTED BY AN ALIAS.
JOE BLOW.
WHY BOTHER TO BE ORIGINAL...
LICE
POLICE
CALL IMMIGRATION. SEE WHAT THEY HAVE ON HIM.
IN THE MEAN TIME -- PUT HIS FACE ON THE SIX O'CLOCK. SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND.
THIS MIGHT BE A LONG WEEK.

AND NOW, I WILL UTTER THE MAGIC WORD --
-- ABRACADABRA!

HURRAY!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
HURRAY!
CLAP
YOU REALLY KNOCKED 'EM DEAD THIS TIME, BOSS?
TIME
IT NEVER FAILS, MY FRIEND...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I PERFORM THAT ILLUSION, THE RESPONSE I GET STILL AMAZES ME.
MAYBE NOW WE CAN TAKE A VACATION.
A VACATION? WHERE WOULD WE GO?
JAMAICA. WHERE THE FOOD IS LIKE AMBROSIA AND WOMEN HAVE SMILES AS BRIGHT AS THE SUN ITSELF.
WELL, MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME. RIGHT NOW I -
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
HELLO?
MR. MANDRAKE?
YES.
IS THERE A PROBLEM, OFFICERS?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'RE HERE TO SEE YOUR ASSISTANT ...LOTHAR.

LOTHAR? WHAT'S HE DONE?
MAY WE COME IN?
OF COURSE.
I HEARD FROM THE BACK WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
MR. LOTHAR, DO YOU KNOW A MAN NAMED DAJAN OKEMBE?
POLICE
YES. HE'S MY FIRST COUSIN ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE.
WHY?
WE'RE SORRY WE HAVE TO BE THE ONES TO TELL YOU THIS, SON --
-- BUT YOUR COUSIN HAS BEEN MURDERED

LATER
YOU SHOULD LET THE POLICE HANDLE THIS, LOTHAR
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SOMEONE NEEDED YOUR COUSIN PRETTY BADLY
I'M SURE THEY'LL FIND OUT WHO MURDERED DAJAN
THIS IS AMERICA A POOR IMMIGRANT LIKE DAJAN WON'T GET A SECOND THOUGHT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY THIS IS A FAMILY MATTER

THEN IF IT'S A FAMILY MATTER, I SHOULD BE THERE FOR MY BROTHER
THANKS, BOSS
THE FIRST THING IS WHY WOULD THEY KILL YOUR COUSIN?
I'M NOT SURE HE WAS A PEACEFUL MAN, LIKE ALL BANGALLANS
NO OFFENSE, BUT WAS HE INTO ANYTHING ILLEGAL THAT YOU KNOW OF DRUGS, CONCUBINES, BLOOD DIAMONDS?
DAJAN WAS AN HONORABLE MAN HE WOULD DO NO SUCH THING
WHAT WAS DAJAN'S OCCUPATION?
HE WAS A BIOCHEMIST

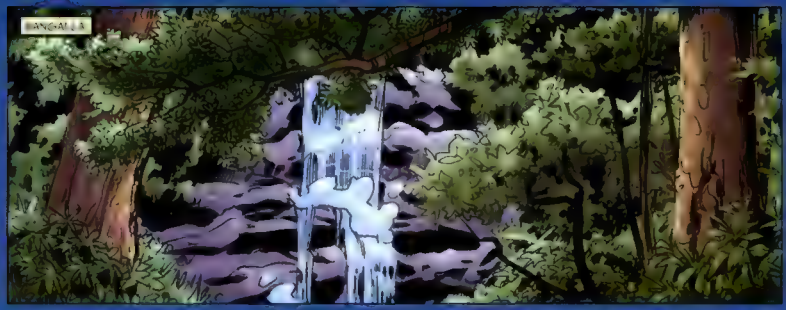
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE WAS WORKING ON?
LOTS OF THINGS-
BACK IN AFRICA, THERE ARE MANY PLANTS THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAS NEVER EVEN SEEN.
FLORA THAT YIELDS REMEDIES THAT HAVE BEEN IN USE IN MY TRIBE FOR CENTURIES.
I REMEMBER HIM TELLING ME THAT HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH FINANCING A NEW PROJECT HE WAS WORKING ON.
WHAT WAS THAT?
KALLA ROOT
IT'S WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A PANACEA. YOU GET A COLD, STOMACH FLU OR A BUMP ON THE HEAD, CHEW ON THE ROOT, AND YOU'RE AS GOOD AS NEW
WHY DO YOU ASK?
I'M NOT SURE.

SQUEEE
BOSS - LOOK OUT!
POMP!!
I - I CAN'T SEE!
IN A MOMENT - IT WON'T MATTER!

WHACK!
WHAT TH -??
AHHHH!

LATER
OBVIOUSLY, THESE MEN ARE AFTER SOMETHING RELATED TO THE DEATH OF MR. OKEMBE. ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS YOUR COOPERATION WITH THIS
WELL, IF YOU CHANGE YOU MIND, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL.
SURE.
LOTHAR -- I THINK IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT YOU KNOW MORE THAN WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME
ARE YOU SAYING I'M LYING??
NO - BUT MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR COUSIN AS WELL AS YOU THINK. MAYBE-
I THINK I HAVE HEARD QUITE ENOUGH -
- "BROTHER"

LOTHAR -- I DIDN'T MEAN --
I'M SORRY, BOSS IT'S JUST THAT --
-- YOU ARE RIGHT I THINK DAJAN MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN IN OVER HIS HEAD
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DAJAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HARD WORKER BUT THERE ARE THINGS IN THE COUNTRY.. VICES THAT CAN SOMETIMES GET THE BETTER OF MEN
DAJAN RAN AFOUL OF SOME GAMBLERS ONCE HE BECAME OBSESSED WITH GAMES OF CHANCE. ALWAYS WANTING TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK.
BUT A BIOCHEMIST MAKES GOOD MONEY
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
NOT AS MUCH AS OTHER PROFESSIONS SO I AM TOLD
THE AHEEDAH ROOT HAS MORE THAN JUST MEDICINAL PROPERTIES. IN ITS PURE FORM, IT CAN CAUSE GREAT HALLUCINATIONS
A SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD BE OF GREAT USE TO A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY
OR ON THE STREETS
WHOEVER THESE MEN ARE, WE HAVE TO STOP THEM.
BUT HOW? WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THEY ARE
NOT YET...
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE THAT "VACATION" AFTER ALL..



UGGHH!

GLUGHHH!

OOOFF!
I WANT YOU TO RELAY A MESSAGE FOR ME.
A MESSAGE TO THE REST OF YOUR POACHING FRIENDS AND WHOEVER BUYS YOUR BLOOD-SOAKED GOODS--

AFRICA IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE PHANTOM. NO ONE TOUCHES ANYTHING HERE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION AND IF YOU OR ANY OF YOUR SCUM COME HERE AGAIN --

I WILL RETURN THE FAVOR...
WITH INTEREST.

DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?
OHHH..
CLICK!

HEH HEH... THE GHOST WHO WALKS
LET'S TEST THAT THEORY.
YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE.
NEVER POINT A GUN AT THE PHANTOM
- OLD JUNGLE SAYING
YEAH? AND WHY IS THAT?
LOOK BEHIND YOU!
YOU'RE PATHETIC

GROWWWWWLLL!
\AAIIEEEE --!
AA!!!

♪FWWWEEEEEE♪

REFUGEE DISPLACEMENT CAMP, NORTHERN BANGALLA
WAR MAKERS HAVE COME AND TAKEN GURAN FROM US, GHOST WHO WALKS.
WE TRIED TO STOP THEM, BUT THEY HAD MANY GUNS
THEY DEMANDED TO KNOW WHERE THE AHEEDAH ROOT GROWS, BUT GURAN WOULD NOT TELL THEM...
GURAN TOLD ME OF THE AHEEDAH
HE ALSO TOLD ME THE ROOT COULD BE USED TO CREATE A MIND CONTROL DRUG
AND IT NEEDS TO STAY THAT WAY!
IT'S LOCATION IS A SECRET, GHOST WHO WALKS.

YOU BETTER BE LEADING US THE RIGHT WAY, OLD MAN, OR YOUR DEATH WON'T COME SOON ENOUGH
I'M SURE YOU KNOW OF OTHER USES FOR THE AHEEDAH WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE WERE TO MIX IT WITH KHAT?
WHY MUST YOU CIVILIZED MEN SEEK TO UNDO THE THREADS OF YOUR LIVES?
HOW MANY VARIANTS OF POLYPODIOPHYTA HAVE YOU CATALOGED HERE?
WHY CATALOG THAT WHICH GROWS ABUNDANTLY?
"WHY?", TO SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE WITH THE REST OF CIVILIZATION, OF COURSE
YOU TWO EGGHEADS SHUT UP AND KEEP MARCHING!
YES, BECAUSE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AHEEDAH HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR "CIVILIZATION."
REEEEEEAAAAHHHHHH!!!
THIS WAY!
RAAAHHHHH!!!
RATATATATAT TAT

THE KNOWLEDGE THAT A GREAT APE CAN RIP A MAN LIMB FROM LIMB SEEMS FAR MORE INTIMIDATING THAN AN ASSAULT RIFLE, DON'T YOU THINK, LOTHAR?
INDEED, MANDRAKE
GURAN! THIS WAY, OLD FRIEND! QUICKLY
...MURDERED LOTHAR'S COUSIN TO GET THIS ROOT NOT ONLY WILL THEY FURTHER CORRUPT THEIR OWN WORLD, BUT THEY SEEK TO DESPOIL THIS ONE IN ORDER TO DO SO
FIND THEM! BRING ME THE ROOT, THEN BRING ME THE WITCH DOCTOR'S *HEAD!*
WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL THE AHEEDAH ONLY GROWS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE MONDE GORILLA
THEY PROTECT THEIR LAND WITH A FEROCITY NOT SEEN IN MOST OF THEIR BRETHREN, AND DO *NOT* LIKE STRANGERS
IF IT MOVES, SHOOT TO WOUND UNTIL YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THE WITCH DOCTOR
AND IF IT ISN'T HIM...
KILL IT

THIS IS WHERE WE'LL FIND-
THE AHEEDAH!
YOU'VE WASTED ENOUGH OF MY TIME, WITCH DOCTOR!
MEN!
SHOOT THEM
HOW CAN YOU KILL THE ENTIRE LIVING JUNGLE?

RAT-A-TAT-TAT
QUICKLY, IN HERE!
BUT- HOW?
GET IN THERE AND-
-BRING ME THEIR HEADS!
WEAK MINDED FOOL. IT WAS A TRICK!

AAAHH!
ENOUGH OF THESE ILLUSIONS!
WE HAVE THE ROOT- LET'S LEAVE THEM WITH A NICE SOUVENIR
BA-BA-BOOOM
NOW THAT WE'VE ELIMINATED THEM, WE CAN MOVE FORWARD
TIME TO GO, BOY
THESE ARE LOCKE'S MEN I'VE TANGLED WITH HIM BEFORE
IT SEEMS, OH GHOST WHO WALKS THAT THEY'VE GAINED WHAT THEY CAME FOR
THEN, WE MUST GET IT BACK
AND I HAVE A FEELING I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY'RE HEADED WITH IT
AND NOW THAT ASH THINKS WE'RE DEAD, HE'LL NEVER SEE US COMING

NEW YORK.
THIS WAY, MR GIOVANNI
KABOW!
GOOD WORK. NOW TERMINATE THE MISSION
BANG!
PERFECT
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE TEST WAS A SUCCESS THE DRUG CAN BE ADMINISTERED FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS AWAY-
-AND THE ASSASSIN, ALSO UNDER THE DRUG'S CONTROL, CAN REMOVE HIMSELF, TYING UP ANY LOOSE ENDS.
THE VICTIM FEELS NOTHING MORE THAN A MOSQUITO BITE, BUT WITHIN SEVERAL SECONDS IS COMPLETELY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DRUG
THE NEEDLE FALLS HARMLESSLY TO THE GROUND, LEAVING NO EVIDENCE OR MESSY SITUATIONS TO EXPLAIN
NOW GENTLEMAN, I HOPE THIS DEMONSTRATION WILL SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY. MR. LOCKE WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR OF YOUR ALLEGIANCE
YOU HAVE PROVEN YOU CAN CONTROL THE WEAK MINDED, BUT WHAT OF THE SORT OF MAN WHO LEADS NATIONS?
YES, YES. CAN YOUR DRUG CONTROL THAT SORT OF MAN? WE NEED PROOF

ANY IDEA WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS?
GOONS LIKE THIS SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIVES MAKING ENEMIES.
IT COULDA BEEN ANYBODY...
I'M SPECIAL AGENT RHOADES, THIS IS SPECIAL AGENT KLAUS. THIS WAS NO MOB HIT- THIS WAS AN ASSASSINATION.
AND JUST HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEPT THE AREA, OR PULLED THE ROUND FROM THE MEAT PUPPET YET.
THAT'S ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS
OH, AND LET ME GUESS, I DON'T NEED TO KNOW YOU FEDS ARE UNBELIEVABLE!
HAS AGENT FREDERICKS FINISHED HIS SWEEP OF THE ROOFTOPS?
I HATE THE WAY THEY JUST WALTZ IN HERE, LIKE THE FREAKING POPE OF CRIME INVESTIGATION..

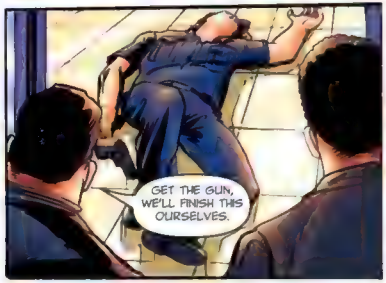
JUST ONCE I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME COMMON COURTESY OUT OF THOSE CLOWNS!
KNOW WHAT I MEAN, OFFICER?
WHERE'D HE GO--?
THE REMOTE IS ON.
THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE-
THE REMOTE IS ON.
WELL, THEN, WILL HAVING THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK THROW HIMSELF FROM HIS OFFICE WINDOW BE PROOF ENOUGH?

SO, WHO IS THIS RANDAL ASH ANYWAY?
HE'S THE MUSCLE OF ONE ARTHUR LOCKE, CEO OF THE LOCKE CORPORATION.
WHY WOULD A COMPANY WANT TO KILL MY COUSIN?
GOOD QUESTION. LOCKE USES THE COMPANY AS A FRONT FOR HIS VARIOUS DEALINGS. INSIDER TRADING, PRICE FIXING, CONTROLLING A FEW THIRD WORLD NATIONS THROUGH PUPPET GOVERNMENTS
ON PAPER THEY SEEM LEGIT. BEHIND THE SCENES IS A DIFFERENT STORY. LOCKE IS OUT FOR WORLD DOMINATION THROUGH FISCAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL MEANS. FAR CLEANER THAN ARMIES AND WEAPONS, ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN LINKED TO VARIOUS GUN RUNNERS
LOCKE PREFERS THE "WHITE COLLAR" SORT OF CRIMES, THOUGH. HE ALREADY CONTROLS MUCH OF OPEC AND RECENTLY TRIED TO GET HIS HANDS INTO THE DIAMOND INDUSTRY
IF GURAN IS CORRECT, AND HE ALWAYS IS, THE AHEEDAH CAN BE USED TO CREATE A MIND CONTROL DRUG
AND IN THE HANDS OF A MAN SUCH AS YOU DESCRIBE, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR WHAT HE COULD USE THAT FOR...
SLAVE LABOR, POLITICAL FIGURES, EVEN DISPOSABLE ASSASSINS THIS ISN'T GOOD
YES, NOT GOOD AT ALL. SLIP ANYONE A DOSE OF THE AHEEDAH AND THAT PERSON COULD BE PROGRAMMED, CONTROLLED AND ACTIVATED TO DO ANYTHING AT ANY TIME
AND ONCE THE DRUG WEARS OFF, THEY HAVE NO MEMORY OF THEIR ACTIONS WHILE UNDER ITS INFLUENCE

NOW, WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIND ASH.
I THINK LOTHAR MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THAT...
THIS NEW CAT IS BAD NEWS, LT, BAD NEWS. THEY CALL HIM ASH WES'DEE, 'CAUSE HE OFFED HIS PARENTS ON A WEDNESDAY.
...I DON'T CARE IF HE WHACKS THE MAYOR, AIN'T LIKE I VOTED FOR HIM.
Y-Y-YEAH- M-M-MY BROTHER, THOMAS, HE TIPPED 'EM THEY'RE GONNA HIT THE MAN TONIGHT
ASH PLANS ON TAKING OUT THE MAYOR IN JUST A FEW HOURS, AT HIS OFFICE DOWNTOWN. APPARENTLY, HE STILL HAS DOUBTERS AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AHEEDAH
AND IF HE CAN TAKE OUT THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, HE CAN TAKE OUT ANYONE...
EXACTLY

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

SOMETHING'S WRONG. HE SHOULD HAVE HIT THE PAVEMENT BY NOW. FOLLOW ME.
YES SIR


GET THE GUN, WE'LL FINISH THIS OURSELVES.

WHA-? SHOOT HIM!

YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T TEMPT THE SERPENT!

BANG!

AH!

MANDRAKE! WATCH OUT!
!
MANDRAKE! KILL THE PHANTOM!
WHA-?
PUT A BULLET IN HIM.
WE MISSED THE MAYOR, BUT HAVING MANDRAKE UNDER MY CONTROL IS A FAR BETTER OUTCOME THAN KILLING A FAT POLITICIAN.
MANDRAKE, JOIN US, WON'T YOU
I HAVE A SPECIAL MISSION FOR YOU, MAGIC MAN.
WHAT ABOUT THE PHANTOM?
PUT ANOTHER BULLET IN HIM, JUST TO BE SAFE
BLAM!

NEW YORK HARBOR. MIDNIGHT
HOW MUCH MORE WILL IT TAKE TO KEEP HIM UNDER CONTROL FOR ANOTHER FORTY-EIGHT HOURS?
I THINK WE'VE MANAGED TO MAGNIFY THE CONCENTRATION SO THAT ONE DOSE WILL KEEP HIM UNDER WRAPS FOR ABOUT A DAY, DEPENDING ON HIS METABOLIC RATE, HEART RATE ETC
SO, IF HE REMAINS CALM, TWO DOSES SHOULD HOLD HIM?
EXACTLY. KEEPING HIS HEART RATE DOWN IS KEY
ARTHUR WILL BE VERY PLEASED. FIRST, WE KILLED THE PHANTOM-
THEN ENSLAVED MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN THAT'S A GOOD DAY IN MY BOOK
WITH MANDRAKE AS AN ASSASSIN, WE CAN CONVINCE VICTIMS THEY WERE UNDER ATTACK, DROWNING, FALLING TO THEIR DEATHS OR ANY NUMBER OF OTHER GRUESOME ENDS
AND WITH THE POWER OF THEIR OWN MINDS, YOU COULD LITERALLY SCARE PEOPLE TO DEATH.
I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT

I'VE ALWAYS HEARD IT'S HARD TO FIND GOOD PARKING IN NEW YORK

MANDRAKE, KILL THE PHANTOM.
RAAAHH!!
OH, I THINK NOT
THEY TRICKED US! IT WAS ALL AN ILLUSION.
KILL THEM!
GREETINGS, I'M LOTHAR, THE STRONGEST MAN ON SEVEN CONTINENTS!
WHILE MY STRENGTH IS IN NUMBERS

DON'T LET THEM FOLLOW ME, IT'S TIME FOR PLAN B.
YOU CAN'T OUT RUN YOUR FATE, ASH.
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM JUDGMENT, ASH
THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO HIDE, ASH. THE GHOSTS OF YOUR PAST WILL HAUNT YOUR EVERY STEP
YOUR PARENTS MUST BE AVENGED. AS MUST ALL THE OTHERS YOU'VE KILLED
N-NO!
DIE!
BLAM!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

I'M THE MAN WHO CANNOT DIE
YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP ALREADY- LOTHAR HAS NEVER LOST A GRAPPLING MATCH
RRRRRAAA!!!
YOUR VEINS ARE OVERFLOWING WITH BAD BLOOD, MY FRIEND MAYBE YOU JUST NEED-
SOME SLEEP
YOU KICK LIKE A MULE, BUT I STILL DON'T BELIEVE YOU CANNOT DIE
BA-BOOM

NO! THAT'S TWO YEAR'S WORTH OF RESEARCH! PUT OUT THE FIRE!
NO! NO! NO!
UUUHNNN!
YOU CAN RUN, ASH, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE!

HURRY, PHANTOM, THIS WHOLE PLACE IS ABOUT TO GO
HURRY!
KABOOM

...AS WE SAY OUR LAST FAREWELL TO DAJAN
NOT ONLY WILL I MISS DAJAN, BUT ALSO THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL MISS HIS EFFORTS.
HE DIED AN HONORABLE DEATH, LOTHAR. IF IT WASN'T FOR DAJAN, THE AHEEDAH WOULD BE IN LOCKE'S HANDS NOW AND THE WORLD WOULD BE A FAR DARKER PLACE.
BUT NOW THE MYTH IS OUT THERE. WHAT'S TO STOP LOCKE, OR SOME OTHER MAN WITH EVIL IN HIS HEART, FROM TRYING TO OBTAIN IT AGAIN?

I'VE GIVEN ORDERS TO GURAN-
THAT WILL ENSURE THE TEMPLE GROUNDS-
WILL NEVER BE DISTURBED-
BY OUTSIDERS-
EVER AGAIN.
the end

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